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# ALASKA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME

## DIVISION OF COMMERCIAL FISHERIES

### NEWS RELEASE



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#### 2013 DEMERSAL SHELF ROCKFISH FISHERY ANNOUNCEMENT

Sitka. . . The Alaska Department of Fish and Game (ADF&G) announced today the directed fishery for demersal shelf rockfish (DSR) will close in the Southern Southeast Outside (SSEO) Section at 4:00 p.m. on Sunday, March 3, 2013. The allocation for the directed DSR fishery in SSEO is 131,418 round lb. Over 69,000 round lb have been landed in the fishery. It is estimated that vessels currently participating in the fishery have taken the majority of the remaining allocation and the amount of quota available to the fleet will be inadequate to support additional fishing in this area.

The directed DSR fishery remains open in the Northern Southeast Inside (NSEI) and Southern Southeast Inside (SSEI) Subdistricts. These areas will remain open until allocations are taken or until 4:00 p.m. on March 22, 2013, whichever occurs first. Catch and effort will be closely monitored and area closures may occur on short notice. Closures will be announced by news release and on the United States Coast Guard "Notice to Mariners" report and the National Weather Service broadcast. Updates of area closures will also be available on the Groundfish Hotline at (907) 747-4882.

For additional information regarding the 2013 directed DSR fishery, refer to the ADF&G news releases issued on December 21, 2012 and January 25, February 6 and 19, 2013.

The Emergency Order corresponding with this announcement is EO 1G0813.

News releases web site: <http://www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?adfg=cfnews.main>.

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